

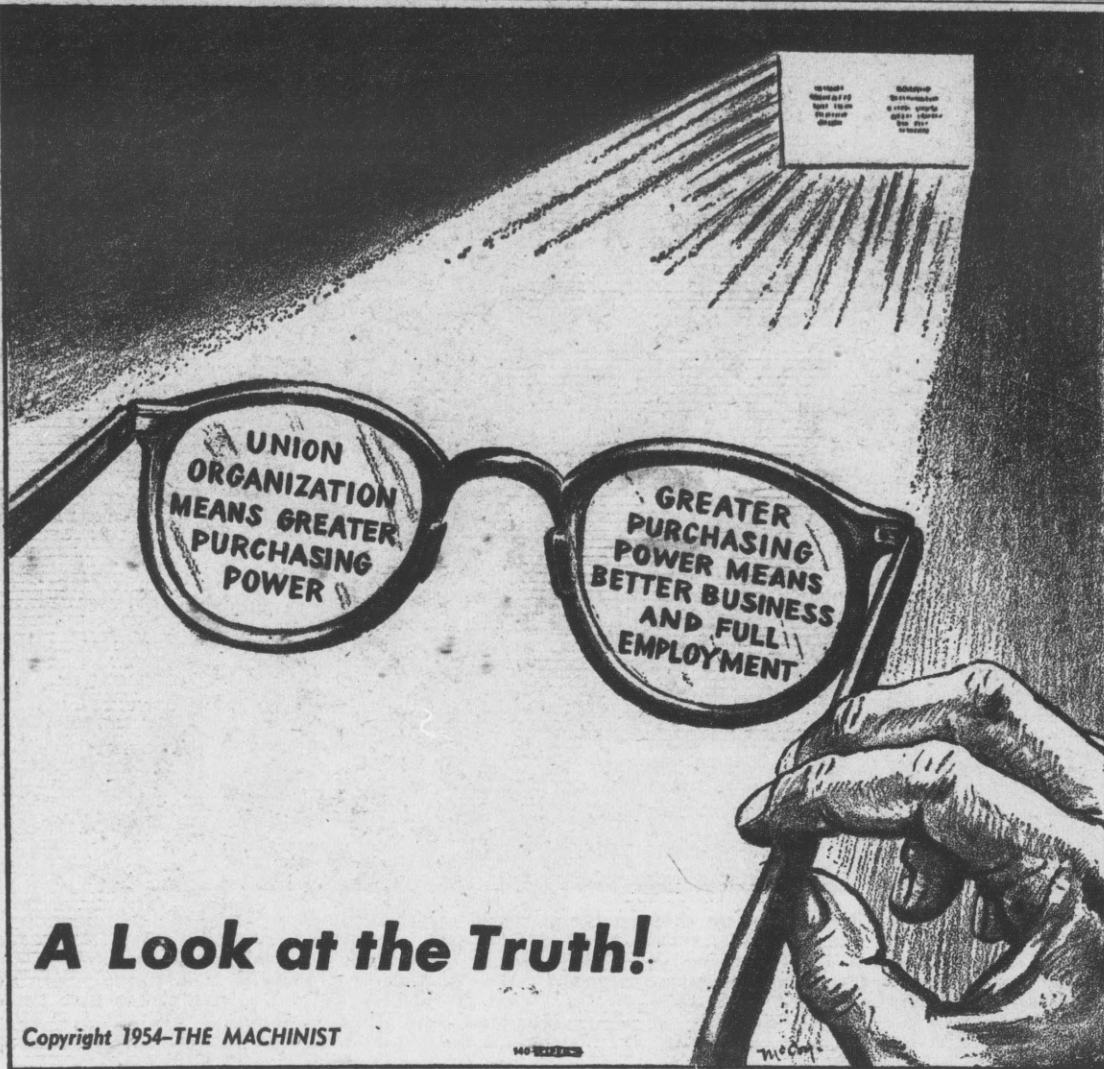
# MONTEREY COUNTY Labor News

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## These We Must Have Jobs, Equality, Homes, Health

Chicago.—Now that the election is over, labor must buckle down to the big job of putting across its program for the welfare of the country, AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler declared here.

In an address before the convention of the American Federation of Grain Millers (AFL), Schnitzler emphasized that labor always has relied more heavily on accomplishment than on criticism of its opponents. He said:

"The American Federation of Labor is far more than a mere instrument of protest and opposition against injustices, inequities, and wrongs. This great federation could never have survived for its more than 70 years, nor could it have grown to its present stature, on such a negative platform.

"We have progressed because we have coupled our protests with programs for constructive action, because we have had something to offer to workers and to the public at large—something that met the needs and the aspirations of the people and the practical requirements of the times.

"The working people of America know what their problems and needs are. They know what they want and what they have a right to demand and to expect. A diet of second-rate slogans and second-best statistics may serve the purposes of a political campaign, but they will not long serve as a substitute for enlightened government.

"The working people of America want to go forward each year toward a better life. They have a right to demand the kind of government that will make it possible for them to do so.

"We want decent homes to live in, better schools for our children, and better medical care for our families.

"We want a higher minimum wage for our exploited brothers. We want more and better opportunities to earn a decent living—without having to break ties with home communities, uproot our families and travel hat-in-hand for many miles in blind supplication for jobs that do not exist.

"We demand fair play from our government and an even break in our relations with our employers, without the vindictive intervention of a hostile agency in denial of our rights as free and equal citizens of this republic. We want a stronger, a more secure, and a more prosperous America, exercising its role of leadership in a responsible and non-partisan manner as the foremost of the free nations of the world.

"These pressing needs, these legitimate desires and these just demands constitute the heart of the program of the American Federation of Labor. All of our efforts must be dedicated to their fulfillment.

"In the pursuit of these objectives, we have less to fear from our adversaries than from our own default. In the long run, our progress will depend, not upon what those who oppose us do or fail to do, but upon what we do or fail to do in behalf of our own objectives."

## MCID SELECTS CLARK AS ITS LABOR ADVISOR

A. J. Clark, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, has been named Labor Advisor for the Monterey County Industrial Development Commission, it was reported last week at the council meeting.

Clark said his duties as labor consultant had not been explained to him as yet, adding that he was ready to serve when called upon.

Labor council business also included these highlights:

Decision was reached to send two exchange delegates to the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council meetings but actual selection of the delegates was left in hands of Council President Dial H. Miles.

Butchers Union 506 reported nominations started for coming elections, wage increase of \$6.00 a week awaiting ratification of all membership meetings.

Carpenters Union 925 reported nearly all members working again, steps taken to improve the welfare plan to provide coverage for members working less than the present minimum of working time.

Laborers Union 272 thanked Plumbers Union 503 and Painters Union 1104 for assistance in settling a recent dispute, employment said holding up fairly well for the season.

Motion Picture Operators 611 reported nominations open for elections, Owner Lawrence Bory of the El Rey Theatre passed away.

Machinists 1824 reported nominations started, contract gained with Growers Equipment Co.

## What About The Salinas Xmas Party?

Questions about the annual Christmas Party for Children, sponsored for many years by the AFL unions in Salinas, drew nothing in the way of answers last week, leaving a bigger question: What about it?

The party usually was held the Saturday before Christmas—which would mean that only a month would remain for arrangements. By early November formerly, all candy, nuts and fruit had been purchased and stored and final details were being worked out.

The big question thus becomes: Has the Salinas labor movement given up a public function which for more than 10 years has been eagerly awaited by the youngsters?

## Barkley Is 4th VP To Return to Senate

Frankfort, Ky.—Alben Barkley's victory in Kentucky makes him the fourth Vice President in history to return to the Senate.

The others were John C. Calhoun, John C. Breckinridge, and Hannibal Hamlin.

## Defeat of Party In Power Is Rare

(State Fed. Release)

When the Democrats gained control of the House and Senate in the November 2 elections, it marked only the third time since the turn of the century—and only the fourth time since Civil War days—that the party out of power won a majority of seats in both houses in non-Presidential year elections.

The Democrats won Congressional control in 1878 when Rutherford Hayes, a Republican, was President.

The Republicans took over in the 1918 and 1946 elections.

Democrat Woodrow Wilson was in the White House in 1918 and Harry Truman was Chief Executive in 1946.

In the 1954 overthrow, labor battled 600 in the Senate race and 560 in House contests, according to tabulations by Laborers' League for Political Education.

Of 30 candidates endorsed by LLPE for the Senate, 18 were elected.

Of 282 House candidates endorsed, 152 emerged victorious. These races were largely in marginal districts.

## \*Rose Deer Ill

Office Secretary Rose Deer of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 was ill last week, forced to leave her desk and return home for rest. Business Agent Harvey B. Baldwin of Local 925 said her condition was not certain, but it was not believed to be serious.

## Chicago Victors Are Labor Men

Chicago.—Two candidates with close connections with AFL unions were elected to the House of Representatives in Chicago districts in the Nov. 2 elections.

James Murray (D.), elected in the third district, is the son of the business representative of Local 1 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Tom Murray. Murray defeated the incumbent, Fred Busbey (R.).

Charles Boyle (D.), elected in the 12th district, is a former member of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America. He defeated another incumbent, Edgar Jonas (R.).

## Lil Johnson In Hospital

Lillian Johnson, office secretary for Salinas Laborers Union 272 and well known personality in the Salinas labor movement, was in a hospital last week waiting diagnosis of a painful illness.

According to Secretary John F. Mattos, of Local 272, Mrs. Johnson was stricken ill at work and later went to the hospital. Details of her illness are not known, he added.

Union wages make Christmas shopping a pleasure. Spend your Union Wages for Union Goods in Union Stores.

## NOTICE TO CARPENTERS

TO ALL MEMBERS OF  
SALINAS CARPENTERS  
UNION 925:

Due to many complaints regarding "Enrollment Cards" and "Identification Cards," we have the following information to pass on to the members of Local No. 925.

When an enrollment card is received by the Welfare Office the man's eligibility is checked. If he is currently eligible for benefits he is forwarded to his mailing address, the I.D. Card and Insurance Policy. If, the card is filed for future use at the inception of each eligibility period.

The Carpenters who have acquired initial eligibility for that period are sent their I.D. Card and Policies, providing, of course that the members enrollment card is on file with the Welfare Office. The Welfare Office requests each and everyone from Local 925, who have not received their I.D. Card, contact their office instead of your Local.

The reason for this is that each case will be different and their records show who is eligible and who is not. Your Union Office does not keep records of your working periods to determine eligibility. You will either receive the necessary documents or a letter of explanation from the fund office.

Please do this immediately if you have any doubt concerning your status with the Welfare Office.

—HARVEY B. BALDWIN,  
Bus. Agt., L. U. 925.

## Squid Packed During 'Light'

A few union fish cannery workers in the Monterey area had work last week despite the "light of the moon" which kept sardine fishermen idle. Union officials said some squid was delivered to local plans and processed prior to the Veterans' Day holiday.

## S.D. Republican Plurality Drops

Pierre, S.D.—South Dakota Republicans won as usual in the Nov. 2 elections but suffered a sharp drop in plurality. They were continued in office by the smallest margins in at least 14 years.

## ASK SHORTER WORK WEEK!

Philadelphia.—Lee Minton, president of the Glass Bottle Blowers, urged labor to give its full support to the shorter work week resolution adopted by the AFL convention in Los Angeles. Minton was chairman of the shorter work week committee.

The committee declared the 35-hour week, without a pay cut, should be achieved within two years, with a 30-hour week set as a long-term goal.

"Labor can help secure a 35-hour, or shorter, work week by writing Congressmen to support legislation for changes in the wages and hour law to require payment of time and one-half after 35 hours of work," Minton declared. "However, labor must put primary emphasis on militant and intelligent collective bargaining to help bring these changes into effect most quickly in each local area."



# LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

Our employment has dropped off for various reasons. The rain has affected some jobs and commitments on houses has affected others. The Gordon Ball job has also had some layoffs for the time being.

Your Local President, Carl "Casey" Jones and wife attended the Grand National at the Cow Palace last week and reported a good time and a grand show.

Brother Edwardo Martinez, who was injured on the Gordon Ball job, is somewhat improved. We hope to see him back on the job in the near future.

Granite Construction has started dirt moving on the Erickson Causley tract for the construction of homes on Sanborn Road.

The Howard White job on Romie Lane is nearing the plastering stage and Roydon Powell has the contract.

Fred Miller, contractor from Monterey, is putting in an O. K. Rubber Welding Shop at Monterey and Alisal Streets.

E. J. Donahue is busier now than in quite some time. He has many of our people employed on various jobs in the area.

Members of this Union are important to the Union and to management as well. I say this because you are the Union. Your work, your actions and your willingness are what it takes for management to be satisfied with you and to allow them the profit on the job that they are rightfully entitled to. Let us all do our part toward this goal of satisfaction to everyone. It is a good feeling to know that the job was done well.

More about your own Health and Welfare Plan:

## Hospital Expense Benefits for Employee and His Dependents

You receive benefits to pay hospital expenses if you or any of your dependents are confined as a resident patient in a licensed hospital. Confinement must be upon the recommendation and approval of a licensed physician.

### Amount of Benefits—

#### Room and Board Benefit

Ward service—You will be reimbursed in full for the actual amount charged by the hospital for room and board for each day you or your dependent are confined in the hospital. You will receive this benefit for a maximum of 31 days during any one period of confinement.

Semi-Private or Private service—If you or your dependent are confined in a semi-private or private room, for each day of such confinement you will be reimbursed for room and board charges up to an amount of \$15.00 or the normal daily charge made by the hospital for a ward bed, whichever is less. The maximum amount of benefit during any one period of confinement is 31 times the rate of daily benefit.

### Additional Hospital Charges

In addition to being reimbursed for room and board charges as outlined above, you will also receive payment for additional charges which the hospital may make to you or your dependent for medical care and treatment such as X-rays, laboratory fees, use of operating rooms, drugs, dressings, etc. The additional amounts payable will be the actual charges made by the hospital up to \$400.00. In any instance where the hospital's charges for medical care and treatment amount to more than \$400.00, you will also be reimbursed for 75% of all charges over \$400.00, provided that such charges are incurred during the portion of your confinement for which room and board benefits are payable. Special nursing charges and other professional charges are not reimbursable under these benefits.

Brother Joseph E. Mote, who has been employed by the Granite Construction Co., Salinas, and had been a member of this Union since 1946, passed away Nov. 4. We are in deep sympathy with Joe's family. The family has suffered a great loss as has Local No. 272.

It has been reported to this office that Manuel Loreto is very ill and in much pain. It may lead

to an operation. If it does we hope that Brother Loreto will have a speedy recovery. Luck, Manuel.

The importance of signing up at the employment office if you are on the Plug Board cannot be stressed too much. It is like money in the bank to sign up immediately upon being laid off of the job. Your waiting period is two weeks. Gaining that first week is where you make the money.

We are much concerned in the safety of our members on the job. Be sure that you report to your foreman upon receiving any type of injury. Better yet, protect yourself at all times by being careful on the job. Loss of time due to injuries is not good and very costly to you.

Ekelen & Small received a bid last Monday night for school work in our area as did Jake Huizenga from Monterey. Patty Plastering contractors had the low bid on both schools.

The building permits have increased in the area lately. Harvey Baldwin from the Carpenters Union puts it very well. We had no building peak at the normal time of the year, it came going into the winter. Could be that the winter will be a good one.

Birthdays are like taxes, they are a must. But the following members show no ill affects from same, so here goes Happy Birthdays to the following: Elmer Hopkins, J. W. Lofton, Willie Moses and L. T. Whitehead.

Virgil Sterlin who has been on the sick list for quite a spell is now ready and willing to return to work.

Our member Ted Miller won the office of Constable at Greenfield. We should not take advantage of Ted in any way. We should bend over backwards to make his job easier by being good law-abiding citizens everywhere at all times.

How can we help our union conditions in the area? The answer should be very simple. It should go something like this, by being a good union member and doing the work that is rightfully mine. Attend my meetings and report things that are not proper, by buying union made products.

Brother Tom Landon received a serious injury on the Gordon Ball job. He has not been around so we can make a report on his present condition.

Mrs. Lige Jones had a very unhappy experience last week. She cashed a check to pay a doctor bill, had her phone bill money and other cash to pay bills. She was doing some shopping and someone picked up her purse containing a sum of near a hundred dollars. Her license and papers are of a great concern to her. She hopes that it will do the taker a lot of good, because it was to be used for a good cause.

The good thing that has happened to Mrs. Jones is that she is rapidly recovering from her stay in the hospital. Dorothy some days are dark, but the sun will shine bright.

—Muncha Suerte Amigos

## Napa Culinary

The Napa Bartenders and Culinary Workers report:

"Local 753 has been credited in being instrumental in getting the cost of X-rays cut from \$10.00 to \$3.50. This X-ray is necessary to enable all restaurant and bar workers to secure Health cards which are compulsory in Napa County.

"Secretary Collicutt is now working on plans whereby the cost of X-rays can be reduced to less than \$1.00 for all Culinary workers.

The American Bible Society has published the whole Bible in 200 languages and dialects.

## Detroit Barbers Aid Crippled Children



Detroit's AFL Union Barbers set up shop on the steps of City Hall as they launched their program to aid crippled children and received an average of \$41 for each haircut on a recent Saturday. Some 1,500 barber shops throughout the city turned over total receipts for a day to the Michigan Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Shown above getting clipped by Barber Andrew Gigante is Mrs. Frankie Winstanley, while in the background Arthur Claes, vice president of Barbers Guild No. 4, gets his hair cut by Charles Sheridan, secretary Michigan State Barbers Board.

## Clerks Report On Motor Paci

San Mateo. Representatives of Retail Clerks Union 775 informed the Central Labor Council of San Mateo County this week that serious difficulties are expected before a contract is gained with the motor car dealer association to cover automobile salesmen, members of Local 775.

Carl E. Cohenour, secretary of Local 775 and also council secretary, said negotiation meetings are being held but that the employer offers are insulting to the entire labor movement, in his opinion.

One suggestion by the employer representatives is that membership in the union shall be voluntary, and that if there should be any question, the case shall be carried up to the U. S. Supreme Court for decision. The salesmen already have voted for representation by Local 775, which is sufficient under federal law to make possible a full union shop. Other suggestions of such a nature are under study, Cohenour added.

## Painters Against Statewide Pacts

San Mateo. Kenneth M. Hower, business manager of San Mateo County Painters Union 913, was back in his office this week after attending a special meeting of representatives of painter unions from throughout the state.

Purpose of the meeting, held in Fresno, was to consider possibilities of a statewide agreement for union painters, Hower said, adding that the bulk of union leaders present expressed personal opposition and said their memberships were opposed to statewide agreements as proposed.

## Jamison New Editor

Kansas City, Mo.—Robert Jamison was elected editor and manager of the Railway Carmen's Journal and director of trade education. He succeeded Dallas Huggins, who retired.

Keep Dues Paid Up!

## VICTORY FOR SHORT SEEN

Stockton. Alan Short, former deputy District Attorney of San Joaquin County and candidate for the office of State Senator from the 20th District (opposing incumbent Hoffman), received the endorsement of voters on November 2 for his equitable "platform" in the interests of all the people in the county, when he gained a majority of 115 votes (according to first returns) over his anti-labor opponent.

Short had the backing of the local AFL labor movement as reflected in the endorsement he won from the California State Labor League for Political Education and the local LLPE of San Joaquin County.

A report from Short's headquarters last Tuesday was made to the effect that 1150 valid absentee ballots (received as of that date and postmarked prior to Nov. 2) were to be counted on November 19.

This amount of 1266 absentee ballots issued had been received as of November 9, Mr. Leonard Ross of Short's headquarters said. Others, he pointed out, may be turned in before the Nov. 19 deadline. To be valid they must be postmarked prior to Nov. 2.

On the basis of the 1150 absentee ballots to be counted and in view of the fact that Short received a majority of 115 votes on Nov. 2, it will be necessary for incumbent Hoffman to obtain 633 votes among the 1150 absentee ballots in order to win. This would give Hoffman one vote over Short's total of 517 of the absentee ballots plus the 115 plurality already received by him.

There is, however, considerable doubt as to this "miracle" (as Hoffman himself has described it) from occurring.

Well informed sources have predicted that when all the absentee ballots have been counted the same victorious trend for Short will be evidenced as has already been the case as of November 2.

One of the strangest of all animals is the bat. Partaking in its powers of flight some of the habits of birds, it is a true mammal and cannot be regarded as a connecting link between the two kingdoms.

## MARIN LLPE SETS PLANS

Hard on the heels of the November 2 voting, the Marin County Labor League for Political Education executive board held a meeting this Monday night to estimate the effects of its work and to plan its future activity.

The LLPE board voted to call a general meeting of LLPE representatives Monday, Nov. 29, at Painters Hall, 701 Mission Ave., San Rafael, at which nominations will be made for officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Marjorie Peterson, secretary of the LLPE and a member of Teamsters & Warehousemen's Local 624, provided the following report on the board meeting Monday night:

"The Marin County LLPE, at its executive board meeting of November 8, reviewed its election activities as they pertained to the future work of the group.

"It was felt that the non-partisan effort to register voters, publicize and analyze issues, candidates and records and get the voters to the polls were factors contributing to the record 80 per cent vote in Marin County.

"The experience gained in these and related activities was invaluable and will pattern the future educational work of the Marin LLPE, with the emphasis being placed on bringing information to the locals on legislative measures and making the unions' needs known in Sacramento and Washington."

## Electricians Start Class at Santa Rosa

Electrical Workers 551 announces that instruction of apprentices is now well under way in an evening class at Santa Rosa High School. First class was held October 25.

Local 551 sponsors the class under auspices of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee of Sonoma County, says Bro. Ted Matthews.

Instructor of the class is Bro. Ben Cassidy.

Patronize Union Goods and Services when buying for Christmas.



## ★ Christmas Shop At Home



Come one and all . . . for gifts for all. Come by day or by night . . . our stores are open evenings. Come to the stores you know . . . and that know you . . . Stores where you can buy with confidence. Keep your Christmas gift dollars at home where they will buy more, do more and mean more . . . to everyone!

### MANUFACTURERS' PROFITS SOAR

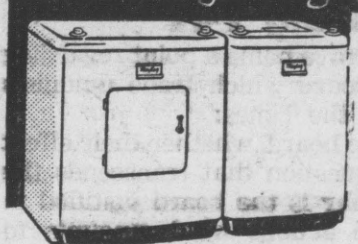
U. S. manufacturers increased their profits by 13 per cent in the second quarter of the year, the Government reported. The Federal Trade Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission in a joint report said profits of manufacturing corporations after taxes were \$2.9 billion in the April-June period. That was 13 per cent above those of the Jan.-March quarter.

Meantime, the Department of Commerce announced that corporations issuing public reports made cash distributions of \$1.3 billion in September—3½ per cent more than in September 1953.

The department said manufacturing corporation dividends were up about 3 per cent and nonmanufacturing payments about 4 per cent from a year before.

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## END 12 YEARS RULE BY GOP IN NEW YORK

(AFL Release)

**New York.**—Averell Harriman was elected governor of New York State by the tiny margin of 9,657 votes, thus ending 12-year Republican control of the state house in Albany.

His victory over the GOP candidate, Sen. Irving M. Ives, is subject to reconvening of the ballots ordered by Gov. Thomas Dewey, the political sponsor of Ives.

The latter conceded defeat early on Election Night, when Harriman rolled up tremendous leads in the workers' districts of New York City, but late returns from the farm areas of the state resulted in a photofinish.

### CHARGE IRREGULARITIES

With the complete count of the state's 10,436 election districts, the total was Harriman 2,554,185 and Ives, 2,544,528. An additional 6646 absentee and servicemen's ballots

are expected to be tabulated on Nov. 26, but could not affect the outcome if the count on the election districts stands up. Both sides made charges of election irregularities against their opposition.

Dewey placed all voting machines under police guard and Harriman countered with a statement that, as governor-elect, he would hold all officials concerned "responsible for the accuracy and validity of the canvass."

The Democratic state ticket was carried into office along with Harriman except for Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. who was defeated for state attorney general by Rep. Jacob K. Javits. Young Roosevelt's vote lagged behind the rest of the ticket in the Democratic strongholds in New York City and his defeat was expected to handicap the future political career of the handsome son of the late President Roosevelt.

### LABOR FOR HARRIMAN

Harriman, former Secretary of Commerce and leader in international affairs under Democratic Administrations, was strongly supported by the AFL and other labor groups.

He ran up a lead of almost 500,000 in New York City, while Ives almost made up the difference in the rural areas up-state.

All Harriman's votes were not on Democratic ticket. He received 206,407 Liberal Party votes in the city and 54,859 up-state. This assured his victory. The Liberal Party is largely made up of AFL union members. Among its leaders are David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, and Alex Rose, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers.

Harriman will have to cope with a Republican legislature in Albany as the GOP maintained its hold on up-state districts.

Democrats gained one Congressional seat in the state and came within 300 votes of defeating Republican Rep. Frederick Coudert in the "silk-stocking" 17th district in New York City.

Sugar cane was introduced to Puerto Rico in 1515 and for over four centuries has been the island's chief agricultural crop. Its current value to the island's economy is about \$200 million.

## US C. of C. Opposes Joint Bargaining

(State Fed. Release)

The United States Chamber of Commerce continued its startling propaganda war on U.S. labor unions this month with the release of the November issue of, "Economic Intelligence," monthly organ of the national organization.

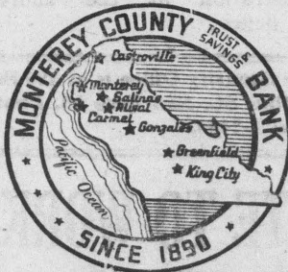
In direct contrast to positions taken by local Chamber of Commerce units throughout America, the national body blasted collective bargaining as a menace to the welfare of America.

The U.S. Chamber sheet declared: "The purpose of collective bargaining is to destroy individual bargaining, to create a labor monopoly. This enables the labor leader consciously to withhold labor from work, to paralyze a company, an industry, or a whole community, and to insist upon terms suitable to himself and perhaps his followers."



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## NLRB Amending T-H

A New York Times editorial drove home a point regarding the National Labor Relations Board which trade unionists have made for a long time. Said the Times:

"All the recent decisions of the board, whether their effect be pro or anti labor, raise the question that transcends the issue in any one of them: How far is the board justified in effecting through administrative actions what amounts to amendments of the Taft-Hartley law itself? That would seem to be the sole prerogative of Congress."

## A Slight Smell of Hypocrisy

The governmental program of giving special tax benefits to defense industries locating or expanding in communities with substantial labor surpluses is being enlarged.

Previously, such help went only to areas of "chronic" labor surplus. Now it is to go to those with "substantial unemployment" as well. This increases the number of major job centers eligible for such aid from 20 to 51 and of smaller communities from 48 to 94.

This program, of course, is one of indirect relief, intended to help depressed communities, give jobs to the jobless and cut local relief costs. The cost, eventually, comes back to the Federal taxpayer.

It may well be that this is a wise and necessary system. Certainly Government has a responsibility to try to keep the economic ball rolling and the workers employed.

The most interesting thing about the present expansion of the system, however, is that it comes under an Administration that talks against "creeping Socialism" and proclaims that Government has no place interfering with affairs of the individual or the local community.

Some of the slogans of Administration hucksters smell just a little of hypocrisy.—The Milwaukee Journal.

## Nov. 2—A Good Start

There is no question that labor won a significant victory on Nov. 2. But the battle is far from won.

The administration will be much more responsive to labor's wants and needs in the next two years and has already indicated its sensitivity in this direction.

And labor will press for all it can get to benefit the nation's working people—a job it is constantly performing.

But the big task ahead is to keep our fellow citizens and consumers aware of how close our interests lie. We cannot let them slip back, under the constant barrage of Big Business newspaper, radio, magazine, TV propaganda, that their interests are with the bosses, the wealthy.

They will slip back and we will lose out in 1956—if we fail in our job. That job is to utilize every means at our command—our LLPE groups, our labor press, the daily press, radio programs, etc.—to show how labor's interests are the public's interests.

We will need this also to show a closely-balanced and still conservative Congress that labor means business and that it can and will swing the balance of power in 1956.

Nov. 2 was a good starter. Now let's make it a continuous mutual goal—tell the public, tell Congress! Speak up! We have the right—we are the biggest single group of producers, taxpayers, and consumers in America—and, furthermore, what's good for labor is good for America!

## JOKES. Etc.

Another signpost along the road to maturity is when the answers to all your problems can't be found in the back of a textbook.

It was the little girl's first day at school and the teacher was making out her registration card. "What's your father's name?" "Daddy." "Yes, I know, but what does your mother call him?" "She doesn't call him anything. She likes him."

Nothing makes a man forget a passing fancy like something fancier.

We spend our dough for grass seed. We break our backs to sow it. When it comes up we cut it off—We're crazy!—and we know it.

A woman in the United States sent a play pen to a friend of hers in Australia. The thank you note she got read as follows: "Thank you ever so much for the pen—it's a perfect godsend. I sit in it every afternoon and read—and the children can't get near me."

Despite what those scientists say about the canals and such there can't be any life on Mars or they'd be asking for a U.S. loan.



By WM. G. KENYON, Secy.  
Monterey County Teamsters,  
Local 890

## INSURED STATUS UNDER THE NEW LAW

The 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act have not changed the definition of **fully insured**. But there is a **special** provision for the families of workers who died before September 1, 1950. In many cases the survivors could not get Social Security benefits because the worker had not been under Social Security long enough to be considered fully insured under the old law. With the new law, the worker who died after 1939 but before September 1, 1950, is considered fully insured if he had at least six quarters of work under Social Security. His survivors, with the exception of a former wife divorced and the dependent widower, may collect benefits beginning September 1954. No benefits may be collected for months before September 1954. The survivor must apply for the benefit and file proof of support, if it is required, by September 1956.

There is **another** modification of the requirements for attaining insured status under the 1954 amendments. This provision was designed primarily for the benefit of people whose jobs will be covered by Social Security for the first time beginning January 1, 1955, but it may be found to be to the **advantage** of those workers who have been under Social Security before 1955. The present requirements to be insured are easy for most people to meet, but a special alternative has been made for those who die or retire in the period between January 1, 1955, and October 1958. This alternative is that when the worker dies or becomes 65 during this period, he will be considered insured if he has at least **six quarters** of work under Social Security after 1954. After October 1958, this provision will no longer be effective. By that time the worker who was first covered in 1955 will be able to meet the same insured requirements as all formerly covered workers.

By working under Social Security, people earn "quarters" of coverage. A quarter of coverage is earned for every three months beginning January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. To earn a quarter of coverage, the worker must have earned at least \$50 in cash wages or been credited with \$100 in self-employment income. Four quarters are earned in any calendar year in which the worker has earned up to \$4200 in wages or self-employment or the total of both. The self-employed people under Social Security count their earnings on a yearly basis.

For further information, please get in touch with your local District Office of the Social Security Administration at the address shown below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

## "RITE TO WORK" LAW STAYS IN NEVADA

Carson City, Nev.—Nevada's so-called right-to-work law will remain on the statute books as a result of the Nov. 2 referendum. A proposition to repeal the anti-labor measure failed to pass by 2105 votes—33,391 to 36,236. Seventeen states have a "right-to-work" law.

## UNIONS USE MANY WAYS TO ACHIEVE CONTRACT SECURITY

There are many varieties of union-security provisions in collective-bargaining agreements. In general, they fall into the following major categories:

- 1—Closed shop—The employer hires only union members. (Outlawed by the Taft-Hartley Act.)
- 2—Union shop—New workers need not be union members when hired but must join the union within a certain time after starting on the job.

3—Maintenance of membership—Those who are members of the union at a specified time after the collective-bargaining agreement is negotiated must remain members for the duration of the agreement.

Varieties of these three forms of union-security provisions are to be found in tens of thousands of collective-bargaining agreements. The most widespread of these general types of union security is the union shop. One variety is the modified union shop; it provides that members of the union at a specified time after the agreement is negotiated must remain members of the union and that all new workers must join the union within a certain time after starting on the job. Other common varieties of the union shop provide for conditions that approach the closed shop.

The Taft-Hartley Act permits union-security provisions other than the closed shop. But it limits the enforcement of union-security provisions to cases of nonpayment of dues. And it permits the states to bar all other forms of union security, even including the union shop and maintenance of membership.

## RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE

The Taft-Hartley Act thereby seriously restricts the operation of union-security provisions. Even in cases where the law permits union security, it does not require union membership so long as the dues-payment requirement is met. This is one among many reasons for trade-union opposition to the Taft-Hartley Act.

Unions desire the right to negotiate union-security provisions with employers without government interference between collective-bargaining parties. Unions also want and need the democratic participation of workers, not dues payments alone.

Union-security provisions in collective-bargaining agreements have developed over many years of bargaining relationships. In some industries closed-shop agreements had been in force for 20 to 30 years and more at the time they were outlawed by the Taft-Hartley Act. And in many cases union-shop and closed-shop agreements have

been championed by employers, as well as by unions.

The closed shop had become fully developed in the printing industry as early as 1840. Several other trades—tailors, cigar-makers, hollow-ware glassblowers, iron molders, and others—were moving toward widespread closed-shop conditions before the Civil War.

In defense of the closed shop, the United States Commission on Industrial Relations declared in 1915:

"We are . . . of the opinion that where an employer enters into an agreement with a union which stipulates that only union men shall be employed, a thing which he has both a moral and legal right to do, the nonunion worker, in that event, can have no more reason to find fault with the employer in declining to employ him than a certain manufacturer would have if the employer, for reasons satisfactory to himself, should confine his purchase to the product of some other manufacturer."

Type of Union Security	Agreements No.	Pct.	Workers No.	Pct.
Total studied	1,653	100	5,549,000	100
Union security	1,246	75	4,204,000	76
Union shop	1,045	63	3,446,000	62
Maintenance of membership	201	12	756,000	14

## GOP Gains in South

Republicans held onto three out of the four seats they won in the South two years ago and picked up two more in the Nov. 2 elections. Two other GOP triumphs in Tennessee were for seats that are traditionally Republican.

Reps. Richard Poff (Va.), Joel Broyhill (Va.) and Charles Jonas (N.C.) were re-elected to seats they first won in 1952. William Wampler (Va.), also elected in 1952, was defeated by Democrat Pat Jennings.

The GOP gained a seat in Florida and Texas. In the former state, William Cramer, St. Petersburg attorney, upset Rep. Courtney Campbell. And in Dallas, Bruce Alger defeated Walter Savage.

In Tennessee, Republican Reps. Carroll Reese and Howard Baker were re-elected in the strongly GOP 1st and 2nd districts.

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## Bread and Butter Facts

# Harvard U. Economist Sees Need for Higher Wages

By PETER HENLE

Assistant Director of Research

"During the last year a considerable proportion of union workers have been able to negotiate increases in spite of the general recession but few nonunion workers have obtained raises. In the meantime, the efficiency of industry has been going up but the general price level shows no drop. Another year must not be permitted to pass without wages rising to keep pace with gains in efficiency."

This argument for higher wages reads like speeches that George Meany and other trade union officials have been making in recent months.

### WAGES MOST IMPORTANT

However, this quotation did not come from any union official. Rather it forms part of a recent address made by Sumner Slichter, distinguished Professor of Economics at Harvard University.

Professor Slichter is not on any union payroll. In fact, some of his views have been sharply criticized by organized labor. However, in his analysis of the economic developments, he sees the central importance of wages to the economy as a whole, and he further recognizes the necessity for increasing purchasing power to assure full recovery from the present recession.

Judging from his speech as a whole, it is clear that Professor Slichter is worried about the present state of the nation's economy. It is not that he is fearful of any immediate severe depression. Rather, he is worried that the country's economy will not automatically pull itself out of the current recession to a sustained recovery.

In his view, although there are indications that production and employment may be increasing, the improvement may be so slight that total output in 1955 will rate "second-best" when compared to 1953. This would be catastrophic since it would mean that despite two years of a growing population, an increasing number of workers and higher productivity, this country still did not produce a greater volume of goods and services.

### STRESSED BY LABOR

The most significant part of Professor Slichter's program to achieve full recovery is its emphasis on the need for continuing wage increases. This is exactly the point which representatives of organized labor have been stressing.

We do have one quarrel, however, with Professor Slichter. In trying to measure the amount of wage increases that are needed throughout the economy. Professor Slichter relates wage increases to the general improvement in productivity. In this connection he indicates that productivity has been increasing at the rate of 2 1/2 per

cent a year.

While it is true that this percentage may represent the long-term increase over a period of years, there is considerable evidence that the increase in productivity during the past 18 months has been at a much higher rate. Economists on the staff of Fortune magazine have estimated the 1954 productivity increase for manufacturing at 9 per cent and at more than 5 per cent for all nonfarm business. Under these circumstances, it is clear that there is room for greater wage increases than the amount which Professor Slichter estimated would be desirable.

## Is Beersheba Union Capital of World?

Can your city match this? David Tuviah, labor mayor of Beersheba, Israel, now on a visit to the United States, points with pride to the fact that 85 per cent of the total population of Beersheba are union members.

Ever since Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in this ancient Biblical town, Beersheba has been the center of activity for the Negev desert area. However, it has taken Histadrut, a thriving up-to-date free trade union movement, to turn this dusty agricultural village into a bustling manufacturing and commercial center.

Today's covenant of Abraham is a trade union agreement covering miners, glass, oil and chemical workers, teachers, engineers, clerical, railroad and textile workers to mention only a few of the trades centered in Beersheba.

Mayor Tuviah, who is a member in good standing of Histadrut, reports that Beersheba has grown from a village of 3000 in 1948 to a city of 20,000 with the help of the Israeli labor movement.

Beersheba is the trade union capital of the world unless your city can top the 85 per cent mark.

Penicillin first was recognized and named by Alexander Fleming, an Englishman, in 1929. He saw it as a form of penicillium, the name given tufts of spores formed on mold or fungus.

## 3 Demo Women In Upsets; 16 Now in Congress

Three Democratic women scored upsets in Michigan, Minnesota and Oregon to raise feminine representation in the new Congress to a record high of 16. Mrs. Coya Knutson, a former Oklee, Minn., state legislator, unseated Republican Representative Harold C. Hagen and Detroit attorney Martha W. Griffiths beat Republican Rep. Charles G. Oakman. Mrs. Edith Green of Portland, Ore., defeated Republican Tom McCall.

Mrs. Iris Blitch, Georgia Democrat, also won election while 11 other women in the House were re-elected. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R., Me.) was returned to office in September.

Also elected was Mrs. George P. Abel as Republican Senator from Nebraska but only until Jan. 5.

Re-elected to the House were:

Gracie Pfost (D., Idaho), Marguerite Stitt Church (R., Ill.), Cecil M. Harden (R., Ind.), Edith Nourse Rogers (R., Mass.), Ruth Thompson (R., Mich.), Leonor Sullivan (D., Mo.), Edna F. Kelly (D., N.Y.), Katherine St. George (R., N.Y.), Frances P. Bolton (R., Ohio), Vera Buchanan (D., Pa.), and Elizabeth Kee (D., W. Va.).

Mrs. Rogers steps down as chairman of the House Veterans Committee as the Democrats take control.

Two women Senators served in the present 83d Congress—Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Eva H. Bowring, Nebraska Republican, appointed to the vacancy left by the death of Sen. Dwight Griswold (R.). Mrs. Bowring did not seek re-election. There are five Democrats and six Republicans in the current House.

Look for the Union Label when doing Christmas shopping.

## VENTURA COUNTY UNIONS FIGHT SPREAD OF OXNARD BUDDING POLICE STATE

Ventura.

Ventura County Central Labor Council, which has responsibility for the interests and welfare of a major number of workers within the county, gave spirited discussion last Wednesday night to the danger of new police state methods at Oxnard, and determined to continue their fight against this.

Trouble at present is growing out of threatened adoption by Oxnard City Council of an amendment to require fingerprinting and licensing of bartenders. The AFL unions of the area, largely populated with working people, have protested this proposed amendment, charging it discriminates against certain citizens, is unfair and unnecessary since regular police and health regulations should be sufficient, if properly enforced.

The unions also previously protested an ordinance, now in effect, requiring fingerprinting and licensing of waitresses in liquor serving establishments.

In the new amendment now under study, organized labor sees the danger of Oxnard's developing police state tactics being applied to all workers. Some city officials, in fact, were said to have stated they would like to see all workers there registered, fingerprinted and required to buy licenses. That idea has brought a storm of protest and sharp criticism from the unions. Other areas are concerned also, lest such measures spread there.

Union representatives, led by President Al Whorley and Secy. George Bronner reported to Ventura County Central Labor Council last Wednesday night on one meeting of Oxnard City Council they attended. They also attended another City Council session Thurs-

day, at which public hearings were planned on the proposed new licensing measure. A complete story on this session will be found elsewhere in this issue.

At the meeting last week, all crafts expressed themselves ready to go along solidly with the fight against the proposed measure. Delegates will attend all future meetings on this matter.

## Sonoma County View:

A. F. of L. people of the north bay and north coast sections of California, particularly those active in the Labor League for Political Education, are studying the lessons of the November 2 election and thinking of the future.

Trends in this area ran somewhat counter to the progress shown by "liberal and progressive" candidates—of whatever party—in the national scene.

Local gains and victories were overshadowed by the return of Hubert Scudder to Congress, and F. Presley Abshire to the State Senate. This despite the fact that the respective challengers, Max Kortum and "Ted" Greenfield campaigned with vigor and intelligence.

The fact remains that "the opposition had too many guns." One can belittle the power of the press, if there is nothing more entertaining to do. But note that the daily papers circulating in this area—including the big papers of the Bay Area—threw their influence behind Scudder and Abshire.

Richard H. McCollister (incumbent) won the assembly post for District 7 (Marin-Sonoma) with the recommendation of LLPE.

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# WORKERS PROTEST OXNARD POLICE STATE PROGRAM

Threatened expansion of a finger-printing and licensing program levelled at bar and restaurant workers in Oxnard last week brought swift protest from organized labor there, and Culinary Alliance Local 498 and other unions plan to continue the fight.

Representatives of Ventura county AFL Unions, California State Federation of Labor and the State Culinary and Bartenders Union appeared last Tuesday night at a meeting of the City Council in Oxnard and presented their arguments against the fingerprinting and licensing program. It is now proposed to expand this program, previously affecting only waitresses in establishments serving liquor, so that it will now include also bartenders.

The program requires employees to be fingerprinted and investigated, and causes them to pay a yearly license fee.

The Unions strongly object to this procedure, on grounds it is discriminatory, unfair and uncalled for. They declare existing problems or any that might arise should be handled by existing law enforcement and public health agencies, as they are elsewhere, without making any group of workers the target for police state tactics.

The matter came up last week at the Oxnard City Council meeting during discussion on how to clean up three blocks on Oxnard Blvd., where illegal activities and improper health conditions have been reported. These conditions were described in a lengthy report of a year's survey made by a citizens committee headed by Earnest J. Thompson and presented to the City Council last Tuesday night.

A letter from Ventura County Central Labor Council, by Secretary George Bronner vigorously objected to the proposed expansion of fingerprinting and licensing of restaurant and bar workers. Union representatives who appeared in person and also protested the discriminatory program were Al Whorley, president of Ventura County Central Labor Council and secretary of Culinary Alliance Local 498; Russell Jehnke of Meat Cutters Local 556; Curt Hyans, of Los Angeles, special representative of California State Federation of Labor; M. R. "Mushy" Callahan,

of Long Beach, secretary, California State Culinary and Bartenders Union; and Charles Jossa, president of Culinary Alliance Local 498.

The City Council promised to notify the Unions when the next meeting will be held on this matter, expected to be within a week.

As chief spokesman for the Unions, Bro. Whorley declared: "We intend to go as far as we can to fight this ordinance, and to prevent the people working in restaurants and bars from being classified as criminals."

"To clean up the area in question, it is not necessary to penalize or discriminate against our people. It only requires proper enforcement of existing laws and regulations, by police and health authorities, and the board of equalization," Whorley asserted.

"Our people are taxpayers, members of the community with homes and families there, and they are one of the largest groups of workers in the area," Whorley added, "We don't intend to have them penalized."

## Funeral Held For H. A. Silva

Santa Barbara. Funeral services were held Oct. 15 for Henry A. Silva, 69, of Santa Barbara, a long time member of Painters Local 715 and founder of Silva Sign Company, Santa Barbara.

Bro. Silva, who died Oct. 13, was born March 7, 1885, in Santa Barbara, the son of Anthony and Catherine Brinkerhoff Silva. He started sign painting in 1905 at San Francisco, where he lived through the earthquake and fire of 1906.

America needs an Administration concerned about providing work for labor, instead of giving labor the works.

(Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey)

## Walt Callahan Defends Dogs, Working or Not

Santa Maria. Walt Callahan, secretary of Truck Drivers Local 381, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo, made his column last week in "Southern California Teamster" a tribute to dogs, apparently prompted by Secretary of Defense "General Motors" Wilson's recent comparison of unemployed workers and the canine species.

Said Brother Callahan: "At home our little friend Pancho lies contentedly on the rug at the conclusion of dinner, and takes a quiet nap. Eventually, with a stretch, he cocks his head to one side, as much as to tell me he is now ready for his walk."

"He loves his after dinner walks and lives happily looking forward to the next one. He feels that this is part of his work, as it gives exercise to both of us."

"I think Pancho would be highly insulted if it were suggested that he is unemployed, although he may take an extra nap in the afternoon or lie in bed until noon. But his philosophy is to work on call any time of the day or night."

"As a friend he is our companion at any hour. He takes care of the kids next door, or if they are sick he will lie outside their window and try to sneak in and say, 'Hi, Pal.'"

"As I see it, a dog has several ways of performing his work. He can help you play a game of golf, he can lead the blind, or tell you if someone is at the door or window who should not be there. You can't tell Pancho that he has been laid off or that we are going to put him on a pension."

"He has his own ideas about politics, if he would decide to go that way. If he were drafted to the service and had to take a physical examination, he would go right up to the front in face of danger, and not to the back."

"If Pancho were asked to compare dogs to people, he might have occasion to remonstrate the difference between working dogs and kennel dogs and those who have built up resentment against workers and unemployed over being compared with dogs."

"My belief is that dogs have been seriously underrated in comparison with people, and I am sure Pancho will agree."

Attend Union Meetings.

## Making Ends Meet Food Prices Will Remain About Same During '55

By NANCY PRATT

Consumers probably will be paying about the same for food next year as they are paying now, according to latest predictions. The outlook is that average prices on almost all items may remain about the same even though supplies are the highest on record. Predictions are based on consistent consumer demand and the food industry's resistance to pressure for price reductions.

Some price reductions are likely on turkey, canned fruits and vegetables, grapefruit, potatoes, sweet potatoes and peanuts.

If forecasts for meat consumption hold true, Americans this year will be eating slightly less beef and lamb and more veal and pork. Pork consumption has been stimulated by a sharp price drop which should reach its lowest level in late November.

### CLOTHING PRICES

Fall and Winter apparel returned to the market at prices averaging slightly below last year's level. Chief exceptions were in shoes and overshoes which increased over last year.

Overall, prices of clothing have shown a steady downward trend over the past two years. Indications are that the end of this decline has been reached this season and prices may begin to show some upturn next Spring.

Despite price reductions, families seem to be spending less on clothes now than formerly. Only 8 per cent of the consumer's 1954 dollar goes for clothing as compared to 14 per cent in the late war years. As the more fixed costs for items like rents, carfare and food have risen, it appears families caught with limited or shrinking pocketbooks have had to pare down their more flexible expenditures for clothes.

### TEXTILE TIPS

A major innovation in clothing since the war is the use of the new synthetic fibers: dacron, dynel, orlon, vicara, and acrilan. In caring for these new fabrics a few points should be kept in mind. They are all very sensitive to heat. Don't hang such garments too near radiators to dry and always set your iron at a low temperature when pressing. Also, remember that the fact that the new fabrics are highly

crease resistant can work to your disadvantage. Creases that are allowed to dry in are difficult to remove by ironing, so pat them out when wet.

### SHOPPERS' GUIDE

The problem of checking on which brand is union made has been solved by the recent publication of a pocket-size directory of union-made products. This guide, compiled by the International Typographical Union, lists alphabetically, by product, the names of brands that are union made. It covers everything from appliances to zippers and is as handy as a shopping list. To get yours, write to Mrs. Adolph Zeman, 1437 Rutledge St., Madison 4, Wisconsin. The cost is five cents a copy and is probably the wisest nickel investment you could make.

## Democratic Sweep In Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Pa. — State Senator George Leader led a Democratic sweep of state offices by defeating Lt. Gov. Lloyd Wood for governor of Pennsylvania, ending 16 years of Republican rule. Leader, who drummed on unemployment and the two-year-old GOP-sponsored state sales tax during his campaign, gained a majority of more than 250,000 votes over the hand-picked candidate of Gov. John Fine.

The Republicans elected 16 Representatives to 14 for the Democrats. In 1952, 19 Republicans and 11 Democrats were elected.

Fifteen counties which went Republican in the 1950 gubernatorial election switched to the Democratic side on Nov. 2. Three others which were about even four years ago also went Democratic.

In the 19th district, where President Eisenhower has his farm, Democrat James Quigley defeated incumbent Republican Walter Stauffer.

## Bakery Workers Present Plaque, 30-Year Pin to Schnitzler



AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler was presented with a plaque and a 30-year membership pin by the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union in a ceremony in Newark, N. J. The plaque cites the former BCWU president for his "loyal devotion to his union, unselfish service to our international and outstanding recognition in the AFL as a leader and true American." In the picture are (left to right): Vincent J. Murphy, Vincent Collins, regional director, AFL; Schnitzler; Bruno Sorchinski, president of Local 84, holding the plaque; Samuel Isard, AFL organizer, and James Cross, president of BCWU.

## SANTA ROSA CLERKS

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Deck are expected back in Santa Rosa the beginning of next week after a two-week vacation in the southern part of the state.

They left last Friday night for the trip, which was planned to include "some of the desert resorts." Brother Deck is secretary of Retail Clerks 1532.

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# Manager Advises City Workers to Organize

By AMY GESNER

Full organization of Santa Barbara city employees would help the workers, the city and the public, Robert Shelton, new city manager, told employees at a meeting Friday afternoon in the city hall.

Shelton met previously in the week with several other Santa Barbara city employee groups, presenting his views on topics such as advancement, goals of city employees in their work, credit unions, public apathy to government, and organization of the workers either in an employees' association or by expanding membership in their present union. Municipal Employees Local 358, AFL, is the city employees' union, but all do not belong to it.

Some workers, of course, are members of various craft unions, such as Carpenters, Plumbers, Electrical Workers, Painters, according to their occupation. Some belong to no union, however. Firemen in the past have belonged to Fire Fighters, AFL.

On organization of the workers, Shelton said:

**"It is important that city employees be better organized on some basis than they now are."**

He praised activities of an employees' organization at Modesto, where he formerly served as personnel manager and assistant city manager, telling how the group there, an association, held five social events during the year in addition to a retirement dinner. This activity, he pointed out, was helpful both to the workers and to the city, thus, also to the public and taxpayer. This made for good public relations between the city and the community, he pointed out, besides happier working.

He said he talked with other city employee groups about formation of an employees association, and the question was raised as to whether membership in the Municipal Employees Union should be increased instead.

As to the union, Shelton said: **"On that I have no position. I do think that with the number of employees here, 544, isn't it?—the employees should be better organized on some basis than they now are."**

He said also, **"The extent to which you are formally organized is your problem. I am interested in sitting down once a month or so and talking things over with representatives of the employees."**

## CIVIL SERVICE

On civil service, another question that has been bandied about among Santa Barbara city employees for several years now, Shelton observed:

**"As for civil service, there are all kinds of systems, and it is dangerous to generalize on them."**

**"The merit principle embodied in most civil service systems is a great thing. We have the idea here already and we should nourish it. Under such a system, people are chosen for jobs entirely on merit, after an unbiased survey and evaluation of their qualifications is made."**

## PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE

**"I think there is no one more important than the city employees," the new city administrator said, his eyes roving over the group before him, "they work hard, do a good job, and most people do not appreciate their importance."**

This lack of appreciation of city employees stems from the general public apathy toward government, Shelton believes. And, suggesting the need to overcome that apathy he gave his ideas as to its causes.

Public apathy to government has two causes, he declared, and they are: (1) "We live by a system of calculated neglect, under which many think if they don't bother it, it won't bother them"; and (2) "Lack of communication with the public. People who want to help sometimes just don't know how. They need to come in and make suggestions."

Speaking of promotion and advancement in city jobs, the administrator said the city now has an informal personnel system which

he thinks should have more rules. These rules should be written down, he said; "perhaps in an employee manual we could hand to new employees." He said this was being worked on.

## DEPT. HEADS GO TO SCHOOL

Shelton urged city employees to get all the education and training for their jobs they can. The city has had various training programs in the past, he said, but did not touch upon plans for any new ones. Most department heads, and himself also, have recently signed up for a course. Various schools and colleges serving this area offer many types of training and studies, he pointed out.

Promotion policy, like rules for workers, should be written down, Shelton said, explaining:

**"To fill vacancies we look first within our own organization, then to Santa Barbara and then outside. But our goal always is to get the best help possible. Our obligation to the taxpayers is to run a good business. And it's a big business, four million dollars per year." (That is the amount of the city's annual budget.)**

**"Credit unions, where employees can save or borrow money, have been set up in some cities," the city executive told the group, "it takes a little effort, of course, to set up the credit union, but it is a good thing to have."**

## WHO'LL SPEAK FOR YOU?

Before closing his talk, Shelton referred once again to the question of organization, reminding the city employees, **"it is your problem; what I'm interested in is having someone to meet with and talk things over."**

## BUS DRIVERS ARE GRANTED STRIKE OK

Stockton.

Following a breakdown in negotiations by approximately 57 members of Motor Coach Operators 276 with Stockton City Lines, strike sanction was recently granted the union by a vote of delegates to the Central Labor Council of San Joaquin County, reports Bro. Henry Hansen, secretary of the Council.

The stalemate revolved around the employer's offer of a 10 cent an hour reduction in wages and reduction in vacation clauses and fringe benefits, according to union claims.

The union was on strike for 51 days previously when the adamant stand of the employers forced the drivers to "hit the street."

The company at that time agreed to an 8 cent an hour increase following the reduction of the franchise by the city to \$6000 and after the city had threatened to revoke the company's franchise altogether for failure to provide adequate service.

On August 13 the company put an increased fare into effect, amounting to a 2 cent boost or five tokens for 50 cents, raising the straight fare from 11 to 13 cents.

A proposal by the union to arbitrate the matter before a Federal Conciliator was rejected by the company.

The union's negotiating committee has been authorized to take strike action if necessary to break the deadlock, reports Brother Fred Helsby.

According to the American Cancer Society, the Seven Danger Signals are: (1) Any sore that does not heal; (2) A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere; (3) Unusual bleeding or discharge; (4) Any change in a wart or mole; (5) Any change in normal bowel habits. They may not mean cancer, but they should always mean a trip to your doctor.

# DEMOS TO ASK CHANGES IN GOP POLICIES

Washington.—The new political picture in Washington, now emerging after the Nov. 2 elections, indicates that the triumphant Democrats in Congress will demand basic changes in Administration policies as the price for cooperation between the divided legislative and executive branches of the government.

Initially, there were pledges of cooperation from both sides. But storm clouds loomed as soon as Congressional leaders returned to Washington for the final session of the Senate on the McCarthy censure case.

President Eisenhower precipitated the first flurry by sending to the Senate a long list of important new appointments. The Democratic Senate Policy Committee then decided not to permit confirmation of most of the appointees until the 84th Congress, controlled by the Democrats, meets in January.

The Democrats also decided, if they can, to kill the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract with the Atomic Energy Commission favored by Eisenhower.

They further insisted they want "consultation as well as information" when they meet with the President Nov. 17 for a review of foreign policy.

While there are few basic differences between the Administration and the Democratic leadership on foreign policy, "consultation" on domestic issues is bound to result in serious head-on clashes.

The Dixon-Yates contract, which the Democrats regard as the opening wedge toward creeping monopoly in electric power and a threat to the survival of the TVA, is only one instance.

It is expected that when the next Congress meets in January, the Democrats will press for more vigorous action to combat unemployment and restore economic prosperity. The Eisenhower Administration thus far has been reluctant to any emergency measures, or even to admit that a recession exists.

Furthermore, Democratic members of Congress already are priming their guns for attacks against the Administration's tax policies, especially the income tax exemptions granted to coupon clippers. They will press for higher personal exemptions, which would result in tax reductions for all taxpayers, including those in the low income brackets.

## Business Meets

San Mateo.

Although the elections are over for a time — except for possible action if a special election is called to elect an assemblyman to succeed Dan Creedon—the San Mateo County Labor League for Political Education will continue regular monthly meetings next year.

With Thomas A. Small, president of the Central Labor Council, conducting the LLPE session Monday night in absence of LLPE Chairman Floyd Murphy, the LLPE reviewed its past campaign activity and scheduled its next meeting for Monday night, January 3.

Small told of state labor successes on the political front and outlined the campaigns in behalf of locally-endorsed candidates.

John F. Healy, former LLPE chairman, told of distribution of 110,000 political leaflets, plus campaign badges and buttons, by union newspaper carriers in the county. Healy's son, Dermot, was an LLPE visitor.

LLPE Secretary Bill Pedigo discussed financial matters and urged continuation of the LLPE on a monthly meeting basis until renewal of political campaigning necessitates more frequent meetings. Many unions are assisting the LLPE financially on a monthly per capita basis.

Some dinosaurs were no larger than a chicken.

# ONE YEAR OF PICKETING

Modesto.

Brother Don Meyers, business representative of Carpenters 1235, Modesto, called attention to all members of the union and the AFL labor movement generally to the fact that November 16, will mark the anniversary date of picketing by the union on local non-union construction jobs.

On that date, Brother Meyers stressed, members of the union will have put in a year of determined picketing toward establishing equitable union conditions and wages in the area generally.

The continuous picketing during the past twelve months, Meyers pointed out, underscores the determination of the union and other AFL crafts in the area to persist in their efforts to establish equitable union conditions in the area despite the opposition of non-union contractors designed to undermine the living standards, either directly or indirectly of AFL members and their families.

## Wm. G. Bonelli Continues His Battle With Times

(State Fed. Release)

William G. Bonelli, State Board of Equalization member, who suffered defeat at the polls November 2, this week thanked all union officials and members for their support.

Bonelli urged labor to continue its "campaign against the Times-Mirror empire."

He stated that his book, "Billion Dollar Blackjack"—the story of "corruption and the Los Angeles Times," will still be offered to the unions at a special union price of 35c each (if purchased in lots of 100 or more) on the regular \$1.00 edition.

At present, Bonelli has a \$1,500,000 libel suit against the Times and

## Southern Labor School

Austin, Tex. (PAI)—Texas will be the host state for the third Southern AFL Labor School scheduled for Minerals Wells, Dec. 5-10. Official calls announcing the school have gone out to all affiliated organizations in Texas and in the other southern states cooperating in the school.

Mirror pending in court.

Numerous unions throughout southern California have been either selling or distributing free to members the book which gives Bonelli's story on the Chandler dynasty.

Both the Los Angeles Times and Mirror are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the California State Federation of Labor.

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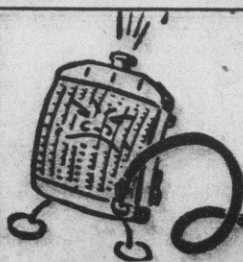
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# Labor News

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Looking at new cars—haven't found one to buy, but did learn something: The new cars have more buttons than many drivers!

It's nomination and election time for many unions and councils. Funny how quiet most union elections will be after the national election campaigning.

It's "A. J. Clark, L. C." now—the "L. C." stands for "Labor Consultant." Al Clark is secy. of Salinas labor council, but he's been appointed "labor consultant" to the Monterey County Industrial Development Commission. Congrats!

Hear that there's a move on to establish a Labor League for Political Education in Watsonville. Unions of this area have kept out of politics until their good campaign in the supervisory election last month. A Watsonville LLPE would be a great think. Mike Dowdall is spear-heading the idea.

Les Caveny, Monterey fish canners' b.a., is watching the new City of Seaside very carefully. If things aren't to his liking, he says he'll move away. It'll be easy to move, too—he just revs up his car and moves his house trailer to a new site.

Dates of the Salinas Rodeo for 1955 have been set—July 14-17. Plan your trip early!

Understand that Sales Teamsters of San Jose have a new business agent, Joseph R. Seremiter. He's assisting George Jenott in union representation.

Serious note: If you get hurt on the job, DON'T sign any statement or any release. Tell your union and your attorney, about the accident, but don't sign anything—a release might preclude recovery of compensation for some permanent injury which doesn't show up at once. Remember: Don't sign anything, if you're hurt on the job.

An apprentice friend tells me that the apprentice should get more pay than the journeyman—he says the work is much harder when you don't know anything about it!

## In the House:

### RAYBURN BOSS

Sam Rayburn (Tex.) will again become Speaker of the House of Representatives in the next Congress. This was assured when the Democrats gained a majority of House seats in the Nov. 2 election.

Rayburn had served as Speaker longer than anyone else in history when Joe Martin (Mass.) took over the gavel in 1953 as a result of the Republican victory the previous November. Martin will become the minority floor leader.

John McCormack (Mass.) will take over as majority floor leader and Percy Priest (Tenn.) as majority whip. The Republican whip will be Charles Halleck (Ind.).

Democrats will take over the committee chairmanships. Heading the Education and Labor Committee will be Graham Barden (N.C.) who has opposed most measures favorable to working people. He will replace Samuel McConnell (R., Pa.).

Other major committee chairmen will probably be: Agriculture, Harold Cooley (N.C.); Appropriations, Clarence Cannon (Mo.); Armed Services, Carl Vinson (Ga.); Banking and Currency, Brent Spence (Ky.); Foreign Affairs, James Richards (S.C.); Government Operations, William Dawson (Ill.); Interior, Clair Engle (Calif.); Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Percy Priest (Tenn.); Judiciary, Emanuel Celler (N.Y.); Merchant Marine, Edward Hart (N.Y.); Post Office and Civil Service, Tom Murray (Tenn.); Rules, Howard Smith (Va.); Un-American Activities, Francis Walter (Pa.); Veterans' Affairs, Olin Teague (Tex.); Ways and Means, Jere Cooper (Tenn.).

### Labor-Mgt. Unit Dies

Denver—The Labor-Management Citizens Commission, set up in 1951 to promote industrial peace in Denver, is scheduled to die January 1, 1955. The commission will not receive any funds next year. The action is taken with the approval of management, but the labor and one public representative favor keeping the commission.

## In the Senate:

### DEMOS LEADERS

With the Democrats taking control of the Senate as a result of the Nov. 2 elections, Lister Hill (Ala.) is expected to become chairman of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee. Hill's voting record has been highly favorable to the interests of trade unionists. He will take the place of Alexander Smith (N.J.).

President pro tempore of the Senate will be Walter George (Ga.) in place of Styles Bridges (N.H.).

Other major committees are expected to be headed by these Democrats:

Agriculture, Allen Ellender (La.); Appropriations, Carl Hayden (Ariz.); Armed Services, Richard Russell (Ga.); Banking and Currency, William Fulbright (Ark.); Finance, Harry Byrd (Va.); Foreign Relations, Walter George (Ga.); Government Operations, John McClellan (Ark.); Interior, James Murray (Mont.); Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Warren Magnuson (Wash.); Judiciary, Harley Kilgore (W. Va.); Post Office and Civil Service, Oline Johnston (S.C.); Public Works, Dennis Chavez (N.M.).

The majority leader will be Lyndon Johnson (Tex.) in place of William Knowland (Calif.), while Earle Clements (Ky.) will take over as majority whip displacing Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.).

Johnson also will head the Majority Policy Committee, while Eugene Millikin (Colo.) will chair the Minority Policy Committee.

### James Roosevelt Elected to Congress

Los Angeles.—James Roosevelt, oldest son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, easily won election to Congress from the 26th district over Republican Theodore Owings. Roosevelt campaigned despite a charge of adultery by his estranged wife.

He will take the seat held by Rep. Sam Yorty (D.), who was defeated in his bid for the Senate by Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R.).

# Details of Yates Scandal Told by Senator Morse

By SEN. WAYNE MORSE (Ind., Ore.)

The one-party press has not reported many details of the recent hearings of the Senate Antimonopoly Subcommittee which have brought to light some shocking practices on the part of a private utility company which is a member company in the Dixon-Yates combine.

Dixon-Yates is the name given the two public utility holding companies with which the President ordered the Atomic Energy Commission to sign a contract to supply electric power to Memphis, Tenn., within the TVA service area. The normal government practice of calling for competitive bidding was not followed in this case and the proposed contract was opposed by a majority of the AEC commissioners and TVA board members. Expert testimony shows that the cost to the government will be from \$90 million to \$140 million more than if TVA supplied the power.

### HIS TESTIMONY

In the hearings, the former treasurer and director of one of the Dixon-Yates companies has testified that policy decisions of the company are dictated by its principal stockholders, a Wall Street holding company, Wall Street lawyers, and Ebasco Services, Inc., a holdover from the Electric Bond and Share Co., a holding company empire whose initials make up its name.

This former utility official also testified that his company, the Mississippi Power and Light Co., has waged a campaign against a rural electric co-op which was formed to serve an area into which the company had not been willing to build lines before the co-op was organized. The company tried to prevent the granting of an REA loan, built spite lines into the co-op's territory, offered special low rates to potential co-op customers without regard to the economic feasibility of the rates, thereby preventing the co-op from getting more than two-thirds of its expected market.

The company has offered to buy out the co-op. He testified further: "I have heard it said that the National REA folks (now headed by an Eisenhower appointee) . . . are perfectly willing to go along with that (purchase) program and they have thought it was politically inexpedient for them to step in exactly, but they have indicated their willingness to go back and review the situation as it existed just after (the co-op) got this loan and see if there was not some sort of misuse of funds, so as to get the leverage on those folks in Mississippi that would make them see the light and decide to go ahead and sell out to the Mississippi Power and Light Co."

### TAX REVISIONS

He also testified that the tax reserves of some \$1,400,000 were handled in one way by his company and in another fashion by a sister company in the same holding company setup because similar handling by the second company would have led to a rate reduction, but in the case of his company there was, no such problem because of the lack of rate regulation in Mississippi.

He told of hunting lodges that were listed for rate purposes as "electric plant in service," and hotel suites, gift lists, an air-conditioned Buick and a private airplane, and lavish parties estimated at \$25,000 each which were paid for by the company and hence by its rate payers.

These are only a few of the disclosures of scandalous conduct by this private utility holding company combine which the Republican Administration is favoring in the name of promoting private enterprise.

### DUBIOUS LEGALITY

When first brought to light, the Dixon-Yates contract was of dubious legality. Senator Ferguson, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, offered an amendment to the atomic energy bill in an

attempt to validate such deals. An improving amendment which I voted for and the other Oregon senator voted against, was rejected. In a quickie move the Ferguson amendment was adopted by voice vote. I voted to reconsider that action—the other Oregon senator voted to sustain the Ferguson amendment, and it was not reopened.

AEC asks Justice Department opinion: Recently, the AEC has asked the Department of Justice whether the tax-free features of the Dixon-Yates contract are legal. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has reported that the proposed contract in its latest form practically guarantees the private utility companies from loss.

That doesn't fit my conception of private enterprise or sound power policy. Final action on the contract probably will not take place until after the election.

Revision of the Atomic Energy Act, and repudiation of the Dixon-Yates deal and its ilk, should be one of the first pieces of business in the next Congress. That, too, depends upon the Nov. 2 election.

## AFL Maps 5-Point Plan to Curb Industrial Pirating

Washington.—The AFL Legislative Council's subcommittee on Migration and Subsidization mapped a five-point program to curb the evil practice of pirating industrial enterprises from one community to another, chiefly to Southern areas.

The program, which the subcommittee said was urged as a "package minimum to stanch the industrial 'hemorrhage' in many communities, is as follows:

1. Repeal of the Federal tax exemption for local government bonds issued for the purpose of subsidizing and luring industrial enterprises to new locations. This program actually was adopted as a part of the new Federal tax code last year but was subsequently shelved in favor of a milder proposal which the subcommittee will recommend by reintroduction in the 84th Congress.
2. Disallowance of rentals paid by migrating concerns as legitimate business expense.
3. Immediate measures to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to increase the Federal minimum wage level to \$1.25 an hour and shorten the work week from 40 to 35 hours.
4. Immediate repeal of Section 804 of the Taft-Hartley Act which permits states to pass legislation more restrictive than Taft-Hartley and which has led 17 states—most of them in the South—to prohibit completely union security clauses in collective agreements. These compulsory open-shop laws have been enacted under the misnomer of "right-to-work" acts which a Federal court has found to be an improper term.
5. Repeal of the Fulbright amendment to the Walsh-Healy Act dealing with public contracts. The amendment has enabled court suits to paralyze application of this prevailing-wage law to the great volume of Government contracts.

Most cancers are curable if detected and treated in time, according to the American Cancer Society. Through fifty-five Branches and Committees in California, the Society offers free information about the early warning signals of the disease.



Members of the San Francisco 49ers took time off last week to get a free chest X-ray when the Chestmobile owned by the San Mateo County Tuberculosis and Health Association was set up near their practice field at Menlo Park. Annual screening X-rays of the healthy individuals are recommended since early TB gives no warning symptoms—only a

chest X-ray can either assure a person he doesn't have it, or find it early when it's relatively easy to cure. Lined up for their X-rays are left to right: Jackson Brumfield, tackle; Bill Johnson, center; Clay Matthers, end; Rex Berry, halfback; and Bob Hantia, guard.